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In re application of:
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For: Loudspeaker Pole Piece and
Loudspeaker Assembly

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, applicant responds
as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are in the application, with none of the claims having been amended. Of the claims under consideration, claims 1, 21, 22, 25, and 26 are independent.

Claims 1-6, 16, 17, 22 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for obviousness over U. S. Patent 6,535,613 to Ssutu (the '613 patent).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The present invention is directed to a cylindrical pole piece for a moving coil loud speaker (or a loud speaker assembly having such a pole piece). The pole piece is constructed to include a blind recess in the axial end face of the pole piece. The blind recess is lined with a plurality of spaced-apart ribs or fins,